

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
RECOGNITION OF DUBLIN VETERANS KIA
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
4:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

Minutes of Meeting

Chair Mr. Gerber called the meeting to order with Committee members Keenan and Reiner present.

Staff members present: Mr. Hahn and Ms. Ott

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Keenan moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2013.

Mr. Gerber seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amended Inclusion Policy for KIA Recognition

Ms. Ott stated that they wanted to clarify that burial of cremains would be available only for individuals who meet the inclusion criteria.

Mr. Gerber inquired about the nomination process. The proposed policy states that nominations for inclusion may be submitted to Dublin City Council through the Clerk's office. Will City Council be voting on each nomination?

Ms. Ott confirmed that they would.

Mr. Gerber inquired what the criteria would be that Council would consider.

Ms. Ott responded that the criteria are listed under Section 3 of the policy. With each nomination, a staff report would be provided that includes the criteria along with staff's recommendation. The only issue would be with those dating from the Civil War or World War I, where the records aren't as clear as more recent records. An example would be a World War I soldier who listed the Village of Jerome as their place of birth. The question would then be where did the individual attend school – Dublin or Marysville?

Mr. Keenan stated that it would be a type of appeal process with some flexibility.

Mr. Gerber inquired if the nominee is required to have been born and lived here.

Ms. Ott responded that it would require some combination of the two, which would be collaborated by birth or residency records.

Mr. Gerber stated that the requirements are not so rigid as to reject someone who lived many years in Dublin but was not born here.

Ms. Ott responded that some of the names proposed here for the initial inclusion reflect that description. Would the Committee prefer to approve that first set of names or refer to Council for approval?

Mr. Reiner inquired if there are no questions with the first set of names.

Ms. Ott responded that staff has a high level of confidence with these names, which are collaborated either by military records or other evidence.

Mr. Gerber stated that in the future, the protocol will be for Council to approve any nominations, as this task force will not continue to exist and make recommendations for approval.

Ms. Ott responded that the Committee's recommendation could be for Council to approve the first 16 known names to be inscribed on the memorial.

Mr. Keenan stated that the Committee can only make a recommendation to Council for their approval.

Mr. Gerber moved to recommend Council approval of the 16 names proposed for inclusion.

Mr. Reiner seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keenan inquired if the criteria would include a minimum length of residency. Ms. Ott responded that if the individual lived here as a child, school records could be used to collaborate their residency. Other types of records can be used as well, such as newspaper articles.

Mr. Gerber stated that the nominee could be someone who did not move into the community until they were 16.

Mr. Reiner stated that it could be an immigrant who only lived in Dublin five years before being called into service, then was killed.

Mr. Keenan stated that the appeal process would provide some flexibility.

Ms. Ott responded that it is not anticipated Council will be dealing with this very often.

Good judgment would always prevail.

Memorial Design

- Stained glass window option

Ms. Ott stated that the stained glass rendering in Committee packets was created by Franklin Art Glass for a 12" x 18" insert into the opening located in the upper third of the memorial design. An eternal flame could also be included there. Is it the Committee's preference to include a stained glass insert with the eternal flame?

Ms. Keenan stated that he prefers the straight, clean lines of the design that does not have an opening for a stained glass insert. He is concerned that the stained glass would not hold up over time. What is staff's opinion?

Mr. Hahn responded that Franklin Art Glass produces a large amount of stained glass work for churches. The Committee could safely base their decision upon design preference without concern about the longevity of the stained glass or about vandalism.

Mr. Keenan stated that he believes the design is cleaner without the glass, so that is his preference.

Mr. Reiner inquired if it would be possible to locate the eternal flame at the top of the monument.

Ms. Ott inquired if that would be with the stained glass or a different material.

Mr. Reiner stated that it would be still be boxed in.

Mr. Keenan stated that would be a heavy piece to place at the top.

Ms. Ott responded that staff had the same discussion about whether it should be located where it is depicted in this rendering or at the top; they had no strong opinion either way.

Mr. Gerber stated that he prefers the eternal flame insert.

Mr. Reiner stated that he would prefer to move this feature to the top, as the sun would more reflect through the stained glass more visibly.

Mr. Hahn responded that the proposed version in the packet has a stained glass insert. The sun would reflect through it -- the monument faces north. The benefit of having the complete granite surround is that it increases the security of the insert.

Mr. Reiner stated that if there is no support for locating the eternal flame and stained glass at the top, he supports the version proposed in packet with the eternal flame and stained glass and inside the monument.

Mr. Gerber concurred. The design without that element appears to be highlighting the five branches of the military. The other design has more emphasis on honoring the individuals.

Mr. Reiner stated that in regard to the arrangement of the military symbols, he would prefer to place them in a numerical order determined by the number of listed soldiers who served in those units.

Ms. Ott inquired if the Committee would prefer that the five symbols be spread out.

Mr. Gerber responded that is fine. Is there a particular protocol to follow in their arrangement?

Mr. Hahn responded that with the Grounds of Remembrance memorial, he does not recall any discussion regarding protocol for placement of the military symbols.

Mr. Gerber stated that he believes that because the Air Force came about later, in 1947, as an offshoot of the Army, that we typically see Army, then Navy, then Air Force.

Mr. Reiner stated that a numerical order would work better. He would also like to see the Air Force symbol moved to the upper right corner.

Mr. Keenan stated that he does care how they are placed, but he definitely does not like the "die" layout of the symbols.

Mr. Hahn responded that he does not know of another way in which to arrange them, as they do comprise an odd number, or of another layout that would work in that defined space.

Mr. Gerber noted that there were many Merchant Marines in World War II.

Mr. Reiner stated that branch of service is missing.

Mr. Hahn responded that there was significant discussion with the Grounds of Remembrance project concerning whether there are five or six branches of service. The official position is that there are five branches of services.

Mr. Gerber stated that, as he recalls, the position is that the Merchant Marines are to be included with the Navy.

Mr. Hahn stated that issue was resolved earlier, but he does not recall there being a protocol for the left to right order of the symbols.

Mr. Reiner inquired how thick the monument will be, as that will determine how much sunlight will penetrate to the stained glass window.

Ms. Ott responded that it will be 12 inches thick.

Mr. Hahn clarified that 12 inches is the thickness of the base, but the section where the stained glass will be is only 2 inches; then there is laminate.

Mr. Reiner stated that there is a shadow pattern for 12-14 inches of sunlight. With a temperature of 54 degrees in the winter and 72 degrees in the summer, will there be enough shadow pattern reaching the glass? Will the stained glass function as desired, or will it be a dark and dreary piece of glass hidden in the middle of the monument?

Mr. Keenan noted that the site has a heavy canopy from the surrounding trees, so full sunlight would not be streaming through the monument.

Mr. Reiner suggested locating the eternal flame box near the top and moving the words "in memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice" beneath it.

Mr. Gerber suggested that the seals also be re-ordered as: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and then the Coast Guard with the oak leaf cluster beneath them.

Mr. Reiner stated that the oak leaves could be done in bronze and super-imposed onto the granite.

Mr. Keenan stated that would look better than the die layout.

Mr. Gerber inquired about the eternal flame position.

Mr. Reiner stated that a flame should be located near the top. It would also capture more sunlight there.

Mr. Hahn stated that he believes the flame would work in either location.

Mr. Keenan noted that the 12" x 18" glass panel would need some protection at the top.

Mr. Hahn stated that there would definitely be a granite surround for it.

Mr. Reiner stated that the flame box would be positioned above the verbiage, but it would not be at the very top of the monument.

Mr. Hahn stated that there would be no issue with reversing the words with the glass inlay.

Mr. Keenan stated that he much prefers this revised design, which also has the new layout of the military seals.

- Quotations

Mr. Hahn stated that on each side of the center slab is a granite panel with names of veterans, initially 16 names, 8 on each side. A quote would be placed above each list of veterans. The issue is that there is limited room, so the quotes must be short. The packet has a list of proposed quotes from which the Committee can choose two quotes.

After discussion, Committee consensus was to use the following quotes:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain," by Abraham Lincoln, and "Time will not dim the glory of their deeds," by General John J. Pershing.

- Names (with or without year of death) and placement

Mr. Hahn inquired what the Committee's preference was for including the year of death, and if so, the horizontal alignment of the year – next to the name or aligned to the right edge of the panel. Because no war conflicts are listed on the memorial, the year of death would indicate which conflict they served in.

Committee consensus was to include the year of death in a straight, right alignment.

Mr. Keenan inquired if the names would be placed in any order.

Mr. Hahn responded that they would be in random order, which enables additional names to be added to the memorial without them being out of order.

Next steps

Mr. Hahn stated that the next steps are:

1. Finalize a design based upon the committee's decisions today
2. Prepare a packet item for the Committee's recommendation for the March 11 Council meeting.

Mr. Gerber inquired about the status of the Nicholas Rozanski project.

Mr. Hahn responded that staff has two proposals to share with A.C. Strip to determine which better meets his vision. Cost estimates are included, as that project will be privately funded. It is anticipated this will be installed in spring 2013.

Mr. Hahn noted that a preliminary budget was defined for the KIA memorial. Even with the stained glass addition, the project is within that budget.

Mr. Reiner inquired who is doing the work.

Mr. Hahn responded that Modlich Monument will do the granite work; Midwest will do the plaza area; and Franklin Art Glass will do the stained glass.

Ms. Ott noted that a Vietnam War veteran designed the stained glass. He will appreciate their decision to use his design.

Mr. Keenan inquired if it would be a good idea to use an electric candle for the eternal flame.

Committee consensus was not to use an electric candle.

Mr. Gerber stated that he would like to meet the Vietnam veteran who designed the stained glass when the project is complete.

Ms. Ott stated that she believes he would be honored to be invited to the dedication.

Mr. Gerber stated that he should definitely be invited. Will the project be completed for Memorial Day 2013?

Mr. Hahn responded that completion is anticipated by Memorial Day.

Mr. Gerber inquired if a Memorial Day dedication is contemplated.

Ms. Ott responded that a dedication has not yet been discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.